

# Knights Templar

Province of Monmouth & South Wales

June 2019 Newsletter



## Jerusalem Eye Hospital salutes Welsh support

For their strong support of the world-famous Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, the Templar knights of the Province were presented with a highly prized Award in January.

A senior representative of the Hospital travelled from London to Neath specifically in order to make the Award to the province at the Installation meeting of Castell Nedd Preceptory – a sparkling occasion at which the Eminent Preceptor, E Kt Mark Nicholls, installed his successor E Kt Lee Saunders in the chair.

The Great Sword Bearer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem E Kt Jamie Ingham-Clark, (who is also a Trustee and member of the Board of the Hospital) praised the brethren of Wales for their generosity and he officially announced that the knights of the province of Monmouth and South Wales had now exceeded the target that had been set for the achievement of a Swift Award.

He therefore expressed great pleasure at being able to present a heavy bronze sculpture of "A Swift in flight" to the Provincial Prior of Monmouth and South Wales, RE Kt Dr Paul Calderwood.

The Provincial Prior expressed the admiration of the brethren for the great work of the hospital (which is performed in one of the most troubled areas of the world) and he said how delighted and



grateful the Brother Knights of Monmouth and South Wales were to receive this beautiful mark of appreciation.

Fundraising for the hospital did not end at this point in the evening because subsequently the Provincial Prior was able to present the Hospital with a cheque for a further £1,000 and the new Eminent Preceptor of Castell Nedd Preceptory, E Kt Lee Saunders, presented it with another cheque for £150 - while an additional £160 was raised through the sale of hospital lapel badges

This hospital is the principal charity supported by the United Orders and it provides free treatment

to men, women and children of all religions - in an area where eye problems are a major issue and where the rate of blindness is ten times higher than it is in the West.

The activity of the Order of Hospitallers in the 12th century, in having established a hospital in Jerusalem, is reflected today in the generous support given by the United Orders to the St John Eye Hospital Group based in Jerusalem.

The group runs hospitals at Jerusalem, Hebron and Gaza as well as a clinic and an outreach programme - all with a staff of more than 230 people and treats more than 125,000 patients each year.

**For more information please visit: [www.stjohnseyehospital.org](http://www.stjohnseyehospital.org) - To donate please speak to your Preceptory Treasurer**

## Moving swiftly along

The Swift has now been mounted onto a special board. The board has the names of all the preceptories in the Province of Monmouth and South Wales who contributed so generously to the appeal for funds by the Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

On the 8th of July Provincial Prior, RE Kt Paul Calderwood will present the Swift to the Eminent Preceptor of the Castell Nedd preceptory at their meeting in Neath. This will start the Swift on its journey around the Knights Templar Province of Monmouth and South Wales, passing from Preceptory to Preceptory.

The Swift has a few miles to travel as there are now sixteen preceptories in the province, ranging from the Sir William Marshal preceptory in the east of the Province at Chepstow to the Menevia preceptory meeting at Aberaeron in the west. And, from Brecknock Preceptory meeting at Brecon in the north to the new St Johns Preceptory, meeting at Cardiff in the south - more about the St Johns preceptory on page 5.

Our special thanks go to E Kt Colin Mansueto of the Gwent preceptory No. 115 for creating the mount for our Swift and the box to carry it in.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### THE SWIFT TAKES OFF

Castell Nedd - 8th of July 2019

### RITUAL WORKSHOP

Due to an unforeseen clash with the Swift starting its journey in Castell Nedd, the Ritual Workshop at Bridgend will now be **delayed - until September 2019**

### PROVINCIAL MALTA MEETING

Llanelli - 9th of November 2019

### GREAT PRIORY OF MALTA

takes place at UGLE, Great Queen Street, on the **19th of November 2019** - all Knights who have taken their Malta degree are most welcome. (Dining at the Connaught rooms).

### CAROLS and CARVERY

A carol service followed by a Christmas carvery will again be hosted by the Owain Glyndwr preceptory to take place on the **7th of December 2019**

## Sanctuary from Varangian

The first performance in Wales of a new Masonic drama production called Sanctuary was staged at Swansea Masonic Hall in June.

It tells the story of the Order of the Hospitallers, a mediaeval monastic Order which was also known as the Knights of St John of Malta and which later inherited much of the property of the more famous Knights Templars.

It was staged after the meeting of Owain Glyndwr Preceptory of Knights Templar - at which E Kt Alun Howell Thomas was installed as the Eminent Preceptor by E Kt Michael Eckley.

Eighteen Knights from the Varangian Guard or Worcestershire Bodyguard Preceptory - headed by their Provincial Prior, RE Kt Eric Bourne - travelled down to St Helens Road to stage the production.

In a Shakespearean atmosphere, the talented cast presented a thoroughly well researched and compelling drama which kept the audience spellbound to the end.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, and the Provincial Prior for Monmouth and South Wales, RE Kt Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, attended the event and were very warm in their praise and appreciation of this exceptional event attended by over 40 local Knights.



## Great Priory Appointments and Promotions

**Great Prelate**.....RE Kt the Revd Malcolm Clifford George Lane JP, KCT

**Great Vice-Chancellor**.....RE Kt Ryan Andrew Williams, KCT

**Great Aide-de-Camp** .....E Kt Benjamin William Dykes

### First Appointments to Great Rank

**Past Great Aide-de-Camp** .....E Kt Carl Douglas Davies

**Past Great Warden of Regalia**....E Kt Nigel Edward Williams

**Past Great Chamberlain** .....E Kt John Anthony Carnes

**Past Great Captain of Guards**.....E Kt David John Elsley

## 2019 Provincial Appointments

**Provincial Sub-Prior**.....E Kt David F. Court PGtStdB(B)

**Provincial Prelate**.....RE Kt Rev Malcolm Lane, KCT GtPre

**Provincial Chancellor** .....VE Kt Naunton Liles PGtReg

**Provincial 1st Constable**.....E Kt Keith O. Fry

**Provincial 2nd Constable** .....E Kt K Paul Jenkins

**Provincial Treasurer** .....E Kt Richard J. Phillips

**Provincial Registrar**.....E Kt Derek Hemfrey

**Provincial Vice Chancellor** .....E Kt Nigel Williams

**Provincial Marshal**.....E Kt Carl D. Davies

**Provincial Deputy Marshal** .....E Kt. Roger P. Thompson GMBG

**Provincial Almoner** .....E Kt. Anthony D. Jones

**Provincial Herald**.....E Kt. Gwilym H. Jones

**Provincial Herald**.....E Kt. Wayne Cowley

**Provincial Herald**.....E Kt Anthony M. Halse

**Provincial Std Bearer (B)** .....E Kt. Alun Littlejohns

**Provincial Std Bearer (VB)**.....E Kt Ian A. McLean

**Provincial Banner Bearer** .....E Kt Vivian Jones

**Provincial Sword Bearer**.....E Kt Colin Joseph Mansueto

**Provincial Aide-de-Camp**.....E Kt Stephen C. E. Harries

**Provincial Aide-de-Camp**.....E Kt Timothy R. Clark

**Provincial Aide-de-Camp**.....E Kt Michael H. Swann

**Provincial Warden of Reg**.....E Kt Peter R. Vincent

**Provincial Chamberlain** .....E Kt. Robert L. Griffiths

**Provincial Captain of Guards**.....E Kt Jeffrey Postle

**Provincial Organist** .....Kt Terence Price PPSwdB

**Provincial Guard**.....E Kt James L H Williams

### First Appointment to Past Rank:

**Past Provincial Chamberlain** .....E Kt Frederic Lindsay Morgan

### Past Rank Promotions:

**Past Provincial 2nd Constable** .....E Kt Richard J. Phillips

**Past Provincial Herald** .....E Kt Edgar J. W. Griffiths

**Past Provincial Herald** .....E Kt S. Jim Needs

**Past Provincial Std Bearer(B)** .....Lionel J. Blann

**Past Provincial Std Bearer(VB)**.....David J. Davies

**Past Provincial Std Bearer(VB)**.....Royston W. Paddison

**Past Provincial Prior's Banner Bearer**.E Kt Alan R Hulbert

**Past Provincial Aide-de-Camp**.....E Kt Malcolm E. R. Phillips

**Past Provincial Warden of Regalia**....E Kt Barry C. Smith

## Provincial Prior's Bodyguard

**Commander** .....Kt Stephen Roberts

**Registrar**.....E Kt R. Anthony Marno

**Deputy Commander**.....Kt Richard John Beecher

### Members

Kt Jonathan Morgan

Kt Mark Newbold

Kt Martin Dykstra

Kt Andrew Thomas

Kt Darran Evans

Kt Matthew Symonds

Kt Terrance Bailey

Kt Tim Parr

Kt Richard Michael

Kt Terrance Price

Kt Anthony Davies



*R.J. Beecher*

## Provincial Church Service at Margam Abbey

Margam Abbey, with its mediaeval monastic roots, provided the perfect setting for the annual church service of the Knights Templar in April this year.

The service was conducted by the Great Prelate, RE Kt Revd Malcolm Lane, together with E Kt Revd Edward Dowland-Owen, the Parish Priest of Margam.

An inspirational sermon was given by the Great Prelate – and all are urged to go online and read it in full on the provincial website at [kt-msw.org](http://kt-msw.org)

The traditional readings were given by the Provincial Prior, RE Kt Dr Paul Calderwood, and the Sub-Prior, E Kt David Court.

The banners of the Preceptories were paraded and re-dedicated in a very colourful service.

Building upon the growing success of this event, the church was almost filled with the Brother Knights and their families and friends.

The many visitors from far and wide included the Sub-Prior of the KT Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, E Kt Peter Burrows, accompanied by E Kt Gerry Ricketts.

For the guests, the rare opportunity of passing under an Arch of Steel after the service was a much appreciated conclusion to the occasion – followed by tea and biscuits in the Abbots Kitchen.



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## Visit to a Cathedral City

**A large detachment of knights from South Wales paid a memorable Fraternal Visit to the Cathedral City of Hereford in March.**

They attended a meeting of Sir Thomas Docwra Preceptory No.376 – at which more than 75 knights in total were present - in a most impressive venue, decorated with specially-commissioned Masonic wallpapers in both blue and red.

Led by the Provincial Prior of Monmouth and South Wales, R.E. Kt. Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, they were greeted by the Provincial Prior of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, R.E. Kt. Roger Edgar, and the Sub-Prior, E. Kt. Peter Burrows. The distinguished party from South Wales included the Great Prelate, R.E. Kt. Revd Malcolm Lane, and the Past Great Organist, V.E. Kt. Naunton Liles

The spirit of fraternal friendship, which underlined the occasion, was well expressed by the Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Malcolm W.D. Jones, who is both “a Brecon Boy” and in the chair of a Herefordshire Preceptory.

Those present at the meeting enjoyed a first-class ceremony conducted by E.Kt. Don Preddy in a most accomplished manner in which Companion Thomas Santillo was admitted in to the Order of the Temple.



*(left to right) R.E. Kt. Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, E.Kt. Malcolm W.D. Jones, R.E. Kt. Roger Edgar, Kt Thomas Santillo and R.E. Kt. The Revd Malcolm Lane.*

## Malta celebration

Malta knights from West Wales, South Wales and Monmouthshire converged upon Narberth in March - for the annual meeting of St David's Priory.

At this happy meeting, which almost filled the Temple, the full Malta Degree was worked and conferred upon three candidates, namely Knights Shaun Cuddihy, Michael Cross and David Barry – each knight representing one of the three Royal Arch provinces already mentioned.

The ceremony was conducted by the Eminent Prior, E Kt James Ross, in an exemplary manner.

Also present at the meeting were the Provincial Prior, RE Kt Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, the Provincial Chancellor, E Kt Stephen Hookey and a large delegation of Provincial Officers.

*The photo shows (left to right) Kt Michael Cross, E Kt James Ross, Kt Shaun Cuddihy and Kt David Barry.*





St John of Cardiff Preceptory 712  
On its Consecration 4/4/2019

## Masonic History in Cardiff

To the strains of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, the Consecration of the St John of Cardiff Preceptory got underway on 4 April in Cardiff.

The choice of music, impressively played on the organ by V E Kt Naunton Liles, was a fitting reminder to all present of the historic nature of the event that was about to take place for it was in 1812 that Knight Templar Masonry first came to Wales.

Underlining still further the historic nature of the event, the Provincial Prior, R E Kt Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, pointed out that the last time a Knight Templar Preceptory had been Consecrated to serve Cardiff had been over a hundred years ago. That was in January 1914 when the Consecration took place for Morgannwg Preceptory (now based at Penarth).

Thus, the proceedings in April this year attracted a large attendance and took place in The Connaught Temple – the very same room in which Morgannwg Preceptory had been Consecrated a few months before the outbreak of the First World War. The Consecrating Officer was the Provincial Prior

and the Installing Officer was the Provincial Sub-Prior, E Kt David Francis Court. A strong team of Provincial Officers took part in the ceremony under the direction of the Provincial Marshal, E Kt Carl Davies and his Deputy, E Kt Roger Thompson, together with the Provincial Vice-Chancellor, E Kt Nigel E Williams.

The Great Prelate, R E Kt Revd. Malcolm Lane KCT, said that the name adopted by the new preceptory had been taken in respectful allusion to the ancient church of St John nearby – a building which had inspired the names of several other Masonic units in Cardiff including the Royal Arch and Royal Ark Mariners.

Both the Provincial Prior and the Great Prelate spoke about the strong prospects for growth which lay before the new preceptory - since it would be the only KT Preceptory meeting in the Capital City of Wales, and in a building that hosted the largest number of Royal Arch Chapters in the Principality.

The meeting was supported by a number of Right Eminent Knights including the Provincial Prior for Cheshire and North Wales, R E Kt Dr Anthony Mathie, the Past Provincial Prior for Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford, R E Kt Dr Vivian Thomas and the Great Marshal, R E Kt Timothy Wheeler KCT.

At the conclusion of the Consecration, E Kt Ariel Roque was installed as the first Eminent Preceptor of the St John of Cardiff Preceptory which is number 712 on the roll of The Great Priory of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas.

As Chaplain, he appointed E Kt Michael Hopkins, Grand Superintendent for Wales of the Order of Knight Templar Priests. As Constables he appointed Kt Darren Evans and Kt Andrew Thomas. The full list of Founders included Kt Andrew Newson, E Kt Wayne Cowley, E Kt James E C Thompson, Kt Chris Mugford, E Kt David Yeates PPHerald, Kt Nick Azzopardi, Kt Richard Beecher, Kt Anthony R Davies, Kt James Forbes Keir, E Kt Ralph Powell, E Kt Ken Bonham, E Kt Mike Lewis ProvHerald, Kt Anthony Lewis, Kt Carlmichael Reardon-James and Kt James Welsh.

Following the ceremony, the Founders elected as Honorary Members all the members of the Consecration Team together with E Kt George Royle who had been such a guiding influence and strong supporter of the new preceptory from its

early days.

The Registrar of the Preceptory, E Kt Wayne Cowley, announced a significant number of applications for membership and he encouraged members of the Royal Arch who are not already in the United Orders of the Temple to contact him if they would also like to join the Cardiff preceptory. The preceptory email address is: [stjohnofcardiffkt@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnofcardiffkt@gmail.com)





## David wins shield

Anyone entering the Temple at Bridgend cannot fail to notice the display of Welsh Crusader Shields that decorate its walls.

Every year a miniature version of one of those seven shields is raffled at the grand dinner which follows the annual meeting of the Knight Templar Province.

The winner of the crusader shield this year was Kt David J Davies of Fforest Preceptory which meets at the Masonic Hall in Treharris.

The shield which he received in May from the Provincial Prior, R E Kt Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, bears the arms of Philip de Braose, Lord of Radnor and Builth.

# NOTICE BOARD

## Fewer emails - less confusion

The current method of issuing summonses is that the Registrar sends the summons to all his members and to Tony Marno.

Tony then sends the summonses to all the other Registrars and also to the Provincial Officers to ensure that they receive them.

If you are a member of more than one Preceptory and a Provincial Officer you could receive the same summons 3 or 4 times....

As from September we are going to move to a completely new system. Over the summer the Vice-Chancellor is going to set everyone's email address up on Mailchimp. He has already made a start.

So when a new summons is produced, it will be sent to a certain email id which all the executive will have access to. Tony or if he is away someone else will then send the summons by email to everyone using mailchimp.

This new system will also allow the Provincial Prior and the Vice-Chancellor to send an email to everyone without bothering the Registrars.

There may be one or two minor glitches when the system starts, but in a short space of time we hope to reduce the numbers of repeat emails in your inbox and at the same time lessen the work of our hard working Registrars.



To send an email to one of our Registrars....  
Just click on his email address below:-

## Preceptory Meetings

### GWENT PRECEPTORY N° 115

Meeting at Newport, NP20 2AG  
2nd Friday in Feb & May (Inst), & 4th Friday in Nov  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Ian McLean](#) - 01443 742257

### MORGANWG PRECEPTORY N° 200

Meeting at Penarth, CF64 3LR  
4th Wednesday in Jun (Inst) and 4th Friday in Oct.  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Vaughan Watkin](#) - 02920 618992

### GIRALDUS CAMBRENSIS PRECEPTORY N° 319

Meeting at Llanelli, SA15 3LF  
2nd Wednesday in July and 1st Friday in Nov (Inst)  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Dilwyn Littlejohn](#) - 01554 774808

### MENEVIA PRECEPTORY N° 427

Meeting at Aberaeron, SA46 0JG  
1st Wednesday in May (Inst), Oct & Feb  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Christopher Samuel](#) - 01970 625873

### HOLY PALESTINE PRECEPTORY N° 502

Meeting at Swansea, SA1 4DF  
1st Monday in Sep (Inst) and 3rd Monday in Feb  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Jim Needs](#) - 01792 414189

### OWAIN GLYNDWR PRECEPTORY OF INSTALLED PRECEPTORS N° 547

Meeting at Swansea, SA1 4DF  
1st Saturday in June and December  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Tim Clark](#) - 01792 520054

### SANT MADOC PRECEPTORY N° 556

Meeting at Porthcawl, CF36 5DF  
1st Tuesday in Feb (Inst), Jun and Oct  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Derek Hemfrey](#) - 01656 788277

### SAINT DAVID'S PRECEPTORY N° 568

Meeting at Narberth, SA67 7DR  
2nd Monday in Jan (KT Inst), 1st Monday in March (Malta Inst), 1st Monday in July & 3rd Monday in Oct  
**Registrar:** E Kt [John Everett](#) - 01646 636435

### CASTELL NEDD PRECEPTORY N° 577

Meeting at Neath, SA11 1DN  
Monday before 4th Tuesday in Jan (Inst), and 1st Tuesday in July.  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Michael Strangward](#) - 07836 206836

### CEFN YDFA PRECEPTORY N° 579

Meeting at Bridgend, CF31 2AP  
2nd Thursday in March and Nov, plus 3rd Thursday in June (Inst)  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Aneurin L. Hughes](#) - 01443 773363

### FFOREST PRECEPTORY N° 582

Meeting at Treharris, CF46 5HH  
1st Friday in June (Inst), 4th Monday in October & 3rd Monday in February.  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Wayne Cowley](#) - 01633 329117

### TEMPLE SLEBECH PRECEPTORY OF PROVINCIAL BODYGUARDS N° 602

Meeting at Bridgend, CF31 2AP  
3rd Friday in January (Inst), 3rd Friday in June (Full Malta)  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Barry J Stubbings](#) - 01792 390035

### SIR WILLIAM MARSHALL PRECEPTORY N° 668

Meeting at 36 School hill, Chepstow, NP16 5BZ  
3rd Saturday in June (Inst), 1st Tuesday in September & 3rd Thursday in November.  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Peter Dilley](#) - 01873 831400

### THE LORD SWANSEA PRECEPTORY N° 673

Meeting at Swansea, SA1 4DF  
30th day of April (Inst) and 4th Tuesday in September.  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Barry J Stubbings](#) - 01792 390035

### BRECKNOCK CASTLE PRECEPTORY N° 704

Meeting at Brecon, LD3 7NT  
2nd Wednesday in Nov (Inst), 4th Tuesday in March & 3rd Wednesday in June.  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Keri Evans](#) - 01443 821137

### ST JOHN OF CARDIFF N° 712

Meeting at Cardiff, CF10 2HL  
2nd Wednesday in March (Inst), 4th Wednesday in September and 2nd Monday in December  
**Registrar:** E Kt [Wayne Cowley](#) 01633 329117

## HALF PRICE REGALIA

Half price Knights Templar regalia is available through the Provincial website: [www.kt-msw.org](http://www.kt-msw.org)

We have a good stock of both Knights Templar & Malta regalia – all of which has been pre-owned and pre-loved, and is now looking for a new home!

Please contact our Warden of Regalia:

**E Kt Peter Vincent**

[Warden\\_regalia@kt-msw.org](mailto:Warden_regalia@kt-msw.org)



At a loose end? In the other end of the Province? Want to know which Preceptories meet on which days and at which Masonic halls? Have a look at the 2019 calendar - [Click here](#) or go to [www.kt-msw.org/Documents/Calendar2019.pdf](http://www.kt-msw.org/Documents/Calendar2019.pdf)

